

WASHINGTON -- Congresswoman Linda Sánchez released the following statement today after Republicans in Congress voted to sustain President Bush's veto of bipartisan legislation providing healthcare for 10 million poor children.

"It's shameful that a president and handful of Republican Congressmen -- who all enjoy government provided healthcare -- are preventing low income children from receiving their own healthcare coverage," Congresswoman Linda Sánchez said. "Conservatives, who rubber-stamped half a trillion dollars in war spending, fail their own compassion test by opposing this children's healthcare program."

The bipartisan State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) has been endorsed by 43 state governors from both parties and more than 270 organizations, representing millions of Americans, including the American Medical Association, America's Health Insurance Plans, and Families USA. The program would provide healthcare coverage for 10 million children of low-income, working families with incomes too high to qualify for Medi-Cal, but too low to afford private insurance.